

CLAIMS:

- 1 1. An apparatus for processing baled crop material comprising:
 - 2 a chassis having a front and back end and a left and right side;
 - 3 a processing tub having two opposing end walls, two opposing side walls and
 - 4 a discharge opening located in one of the side walls;
 - 5 a disintegrator mounted in the processing tub adapted to disintegrate baled
 - 6 crop material positioned within the tub and discharge the processed bale
 - 7 material out the discharge opening; and
 - 8 a manipulator mounted within the processing tub adapted to manipulate the
 - 9 baled crop material to expose different parts thereof to the disintegrator;
 - 10 wherein the processing tub is sized to accommodate a large square bale or,
 - 11 at least two round bales longitudinally therein for processing.
- 1 2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the distance between the two end
2 walls is at least 10 feet.
- 1 3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2 further comprising a fork lift mounted on the
2 rear of the chassis to raise baled crop material from the ground into the processing
3 tub wherein the fork lift is adjustable to receive baled crop material of different
4 configurations.
- 1 4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the fork lift comprises two length
2 adjustable forks mounted on a fork lift frame by adjustable mounts such that the
3 distance separating the forks can be varied.
- 1 5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4 wherein each of the two length adjustable
2 forks includes a bale carrier mounted thereon extending inwardly towards the
3 opposing fork to prevent baled material from passing between the forks.